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Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments

Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions

Note by the Secretary-General

1. As indicated in document A/55/102 of 28 June 2000 the General Assembly will be required, during its current session, to appoint six persons to fill the vacancies that will occur in the membership of the Committee on Contributions, for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2001.

2. In accordance with General Assembly decision 53/313 of 7 December 1998, the term of office of Mr. Sergio Chaparro Ruiz (Chile) will expire on 31 December 2000, and Mr. Eduardo Iglesias (Argentina) will become a member of the Committee from 1 January to 31 December 2001.

3. The following persons have been nominated by their respective Governments for appointment or reappointment:

Mr. Petru **Dumitriu** (Romania);

Mr. Chinmaya R. **Gharekhan** (India);

Mr. Ihor V. **Humenny** (Ukraine);

Mr. Gebhard Benjamin **Kandanga** (Namibia);

Mr. David A. **Leis** (United States of America);

Mr. Kazuo **Watanabe** (Japan).

4. The candidates' curricula vitae follow.

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Petru Dumitriu (Romania)

Born: 29 June 1955, Nartesti/Galati, Romania

Foreign languages: English, French, Spanish

Computer skills: MS Office, Corel WordPerfect, Quicken

Permanent address: Str. C. Radulescu Motru nr. 16, bloc 21, scara D, etaj 2, apart. 144, sector IV, Bucharest

Present position (since 1998): Director, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Romania, United Nations and Specialized Institutions Department

Academic records

1992	Master of Arts, Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies
1979	Graduated from the Academy of Economic Studies, Faculty of International Economic Relations
1996, 1997	Certificates from the Institute of World Affairs (Washington, D.C.), the International Academy of Peace (New York)
1985	Advanced studies on international trade
1986	Advanced studies on management, international trade, financial and banking techniques

Previous positions

1997	Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Romania to the United Nations, New York
1993	First Secretary/Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Romania to the United Nations, New York
1992	Deputy Director, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Division for the United Nations and other international organizations
1990	Third Secretary, Second Secretary, Division for the United Nations and other international organizations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1986	Economist, Ministry for Foreign Trade and International Economic Cooperation, Directorate for prospective policies and planning of international exchanges
1983	Economist, Navlomar Bucharest, shipbrokers, chartering agents, ship agency and ship chandlers Company
1979	Economist, Hydropower Stations Construction Trust, Bucharest, Department for Export-Import

Elected positions during assignment in New York

1997 (2-4 September)	Secretary-General of the Third International Conference of New or Restored Democracies, Bucharest.
1997	Fifty-second session of the General Assembly: Vice-Chairman of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee.
1997	Vice-Chairman of the Disarmament Commission.
1995	Vice-Chairman of the UNICEF Executive Board.

Participation in internationally financed teams and assignments

1995 (April)	UNICEF field visit team (Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan).
1997 (May)	United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) preparatory team for the Third International Conference of New or Restored Democracies, Bucharest.
1998 (December)	Group of 77 meeting on globalization (UNDP, Indonesia).
1999 (April-May)	Drafting Group for the Code of Democratic Conduct (UNDP, Romania).
1999 (June)	World Conference on Governance (Manila).

Articles published

"Transnational Companies' Intra-group Arrangements: Intra-group allocation, transfer pricing, cross-subsidization", 23 *Tribuna Economica* (1991).

"Privatization — The British Experience", 30 *Tribuna Economica* (1990).

"Joint Ventures and Foreign Investments Status in Certain Western Countries", 37 *Tribuna Economica* (1990).

"Restrictive Business Practices Used in International Trade", 46 *Tribuna Economica* (1990).

"Export Cartels", 47 *Tribuna Economica* (1990).

"Import Cartels", 48 *Tribuna Economica* (1990).

"Trading Companies", 51-52 *Tribuna Economica* (1990).

"About Europe Again", 31 *Opus* (1990).

"The Discreet March of Diplomacy", 32 *Observator* (1990).

"Re(defining) the National Interest", 29 *Opus* (1990).

"Complex Interrelations between Salaries and Prices", 21 *Tribuna Economica* (1991).

"Voluntary Export Restraints", 22 *Tribuna Economica* (1991).

"Intra-group Arrangements: Legal Status", 24 *Tribuna Economica* (1991).

"Sustainable development — limits to the right to development", 3, *Drepturile omului* (Human rights) 1992, publication of the Romanian Institute for Human Rights (IRDO).

Complementary strategies to the Alliance Policies of Small and Medium-size Countries, Proceedings of the 1st Colloquium ("Romania and the Strategy of Alliances") of the Romanian Institute of International Studies, Bucharest, 1993.

"Limits to Peace (A view on peacekeeping operations)", 9 *Sfera politicii*, September 1993 (with Viorel Ardeleanu).

"Resolution 678 (1991) of the Security Council — A Case Study", 12 *Sfera politicii*, December 1993.

United Nations Peace-Keeping Operations, Some Legal Aspects Relevant for Romania, *Romanian Review of International Studies*, vol. XXVIII, No. 3-4 (125-126), May-August 1993 (with M. Dinu).

"A view on the prestige and credibility of UN peacekeeping operations", *Nine o'clock*, No. 422, June 1993.

Participation of Romania in Peacekeeping Operations: Specific Connotations in the Context of the Promotion of National Interest, Proceedings of the 2nd Colloquium ("National Interest and Security Policy") of the Romanian Institute for International Studies, Bucharest, 6-8 December 1993.

"United Nations Peacekeeping Operations: New Era, Attitudes, Challenges. A Case Study: Romania". Paper presented at the Interdisciplinary Conference "United Nations at Fifty", Hofstra University, Long Island, New York, 16-18 March 1995.

"NATO Expansion: Internal Perceptions", 37 *Sfera politicii*, April 1996.

"Participation in Peacekeeping Operations: Conceptual, Operational and Motivational Aspects", in *Romania: National Strategic Option — Integration in NATO*, Ministry of Defence Press House, 1997.

"United Nations peacekeeping. Between tradition and innovation", *Romanian Journal of International Affairs*, vol. IV, Special Issue Three, 1998.

"The United Nations Charter: a plea for dynamism and anticipation", paper presented to the International Seminar of the Association internationale des juristes démocrates, Bucharest, 17-18 May 2000 (to be published).

International meetings attended (other than United Nations)

Presentations and participation in international seminars at Princeton University and Columbia University, 1997, 1998.

International Conference on "Democracy and Development: The Role of International Organizations", Yale University, 4-5 April 1997.

International Conference on "The Fate of Democracy in the Era of Globalization", Wellesley College, Massachusetts, 14-16 March 1996.

Interdisciplinary Conference, "United Nations at Fifty", Hofstra University, Long Island, New York, 16-18 March 1995.

Second International Conference on New and Restored Democracies, Managua, 4-6 July 1994.

Colloquium on the Legal Protection of the Environment beyond the Limits of National Jurisdiction, Malta, 20-22 May 1992.

Colloquium on Neutrality and Non-alignment in the Post-Cold-War Era, Malta, 4-8 November 1991.

Thirteenth European Conference of the United Nations Associations, Cyprus, 2-5 November 1992.

Chinmaya R. Gharekhan (India)

Under-Secretary-General, United Nations Special Coordinator in Occupied Palestinian Territories (UNSCO), Gaza.	March 1997-September 1999
Under-Secretary-General and Senior Adviser to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, New York.	January 1993-February 1997
Ambassador/Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations in New York.	August 1986-December 1992
Representative of India on the Security Council (1991-1992)	
President of the Economic and Social Council (1990)	
Additional Secretary (Foreign Affairs) to the Prime Minister, New Delhi.	1980-1981, 1982-1986
Ambassador/Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations Office at Geneva.	1977-1980
Represented India at United Nations specialized agencies, such as ILO, WHO, UNIDO, ITU, etc.	
Ambassador/representative of India to the Conference on Disarmament.	
Ambassador of India in Hanoi.	1975-1976
Ambassador/Chairman, International Commission for Supervision and Control, Lao People's Democratic Republic.	1973-1975

Appointed to the Indian Foreign Service in April 1958.

Background

Languages: fluency in English, French, Hindi, Gujarati, basic Arabic, Serbo-Croatian.

Date of birth: 4 July 1934.

Ihor V. Humenny (Ukraine)

Born: 6 December 1956, Ukraine.

Education

1979	Master's Degree in International Economic Relations and English, Kiev State University.
1979-1983	Postgraduate courses in international economic relations, Kiev State University.
1980-1982	Courses in Spanish language, Kiev State Language Courses.
1984	Advanced courses on population, labour and financial statistics, Moscow Institute of Economics and Statistics.

Present position

September 1998-present	Head of the Department of Financial Management of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine.
	Representative of Ukraine to the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly.
	Member of the Committee on Contributions.
1995-present	Counsellor at the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the United Nations in charge of issues of United Nations management and administration, programme coordination, activity in the field of development and reform. Responsible for the organization and execution of work of the Economic, Administrative and Budgetary Section of the Mission.
	Rapporteur of the Fifth Committee during the fifty-first session of the General Assembly.
	Representative of Ukraine to the Committee for Programme and Coordination.
	Delegate of Ukraine to the High-level Open-ended Working Group on the Financial Situation of the United Nations.
	Delegate of Ukraine to the High-level Open-ended Working Group on the Strengthening of the United Nations System.
	Delegate of Ukraine to the Second Committee of the General Assembly (operational activities issues), and the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Children's Fund.
	Delegate of Ukraine to the Economic and Social Council and its Statistical Commission, the Commission on Population and Development and the Commission on Sustainable Development.

Previous professional experience in the foreign service

1992-1995	First Secretary, Second Secretary of the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the United Nations responsible for issues of United Nations management and administration, programme coordination, activities in the economic and financial fields and reform.
	Representative of Ukraine to the Second and Fifth Committees of the General Assembly, and the Committee for Programme and Coordination.
1995	Member of the Committee on Contributions.
1994	Vice-Chairman of the thirty-fourth session of the Committee for Programme and Coordination.
1993-1995	Delegate of Ukraine to the Economic and Social Council and its Statistical Commission.
1995	Delegate of Ukraine to the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme and the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund.
1993	Delegate of Ukraine to the Commission on Sustainable Development.
	Delegate of Ukraine to the Commission on Science and Technology for Development.
1991-1992	First Secretary of the Department of International Economic Relations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine. Responsible for issues of the Second and Fifth Committees of the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council, the Economic Commission for Europe and its subsidiary bodies, international ecological cooperation.

Other previous professional experience

1989-1990	Deputy Chief of the Department of Demographic and Labour Statistics, Ministry of Statistics of Ukraine.
1987-1989	Deputy Chief of the Population Censuses and Demographic Statistics Department, Ministry of Statistics of Ukraine.
1983-1987	Deputy Chief of the Population Censuses and Studies Division, Central Statistical Board of Ukraine.
1979-1983	Senior economist of the Division of Statistical Information, Central Statistical Board of Ukraine.

Major international conferences, sessions and meetings attended

Since 1992	Second and Fifth Committees of the General Assembly, forty-seventh to fifty-first sessions.
Since 1995	Committee on Contributions, fifty-fifth and fifth-sixth sessions, special session.

	High-level Open-ended Working Group on the Financial Situation of the United Nations.
	High-level Open-ended Working Group on the Strengthening of the United Nations System.
Since 1993	Committee for Programme and Coordination, thirty-third to thirty-sixth sessions.
1991, 1993-1996	Economic and Social Council, second regular, substantive and organizational sessions.
1993, 1995	Statistical Commission, twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth sessions, special session.
Since 1993	Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, annual session, regular meetings.
Since 1993	Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund, annual session regular sessions.
1996	Commission on Population and Development, twelfth session.
Since 1995	Commission on Sustainable Development, third and fourth sessions.
1993	Commission on Science and Technology for Development, first session.
1992	United Nations Conference on Environment and Development.
1992	Economic Commission for Europe, twenty-seventh session.
1991	International Seminar on Labour and Population Statistics (under the auspices of the International Labour Organization and the United Nations Statistical Office), Moscow.
1987	Second European Regional Meeting on Population and Development, Hungary.

Publications

"On the basis of equality: development of economic integration among developing countries".

"CMEA countries and the problems of industrial and technical cooperation among developing countries".

"In the mirror of demography (preparation of the population and housing census, 1989)".

Awards

Medal of Honour.

Gebhard Benjamin Kandanga (Namibia)

Born on 2 November 1957.

Educational background

December 1980	Obtained High School Certificate at Okakarara High School, Namibia.
February 1998	B.A., Administration degree, majors Public Administration and Business Management (pending, expected to complete in October 2001), University of South Africa.

Training programmes attended

March 1990	Diplomatic training, Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Windhoek.
November to December 1991	Diplomatic and administrative training at Administrative Staff College in Hyderabad, India, and National Institute of Public Administration (INTAN), Kuala Lumpur.
March/April 1994	Training in disciplinary hearing in Windhoek.

Career development

February 1981-February 1989	Administrative Assistant and Chief Administrative Officer, Ministry of Finance.
March 1989-February 1990	Chief Foreign Administrative Officer, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
March 1990-February 1996	Deputy Director of Finance, Auxiliary Services and Personnel, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
February 1996-December 1996	Acting High Commissioner, Kuala Lumpur.
January 1997-January 1999	Deputy Director of Finance, Auxiliary Services and Personnel, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
February 1999-present	First Secretary, Permanent Mission of Namibia to the United Nations, New York.

Work experience

Over the years of serving in the Ministry of Finance, I was responsible for assets administration, transport and budgetary matters. At the Ministry of Foreign Affairs I was in charge of the Administration Department and responsible for the compilation of the Ministry's annual budget as well as overall supervision of the Finance, Internal Audit, Personnel and Auxiliary services. From 1993 to 1996 I served as a member of the Tender Board of Namibia and Chairman of the Economizing Committee in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

During my assignment to Malaysia, I was responsible for the establishment of the Namibia High Commission to Malaysia and served as Acting High Commissioner until the arrival of the substantive staff complement.

David A. Leis (United States of America)

Date and place of birth: 23 November 1948, Uppsala, Sweden.

Education

Master's degree, International Finance, University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland.

Bachelor's degree, Economics, Columbia University, New York.

Work experience

1987-present	Program Analyst, United States Department of State, Washington, D.C.
1981-1987	Management Analyst, Office of the Controller, Department of Veterans Affairs, Washington, D.C.
1976-1981	Management Analyst, Office of the Director, Department of Veterans Affairs, New York.
1974-1976	Financial Reports Examiner, Securities and Exchange Commission, New York.

Other activities

1978-1986	Audit Committee, Sevren Exploration Co., Houston, Texas.
1969-1973	Military officer, United States Army.

Kazuo Watanabe (Japan)

Present position

Minister and Deputy Chief of Mission at the Embassy of Japan in Argentina.

Member of the Committee on Contributions (1998-present).

Date of birth

23 September 1951.

Academic background

Graduated from the Department of International Relations, Faculty of Liberal Arts, University of Tokyo, in 1975.

Studied at the London School of Economics, 1973-1974.

Studied both at University of Salamanca and La Escuela Diplomática of the Spanish Government, 1977-1979.

Previous professional career

From 1999	Minister, Chief of the Coordination Department.
1997-1999	Counsellor at the Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations. Chief of the Administrative and Budgetary Department. Delegate to the Fifth Committee.
1995-1997	Director of the Research and Programming Division, Economic Cooperation Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Visiting Professor of the Graduate School of Policy Science, Saitama University (Tokyo).
1993-1995	Director of the Second Division, Dept. I of the Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund, in charge of extending yen loans to Indonesia and Malaysia (Tokyo).
1991-1993	Deputy Director of the Overseas Establishment Division of the Minister's Secretariat, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo).
1988-1991	Director of the Japan Information Service and First Secretariat at the Embassy of Japan in Thailand (Bangkok).
1986-1988	First Secretary at the Embassy of Japan in Italy (Rome).
1979-1986	Assistant Director and later Deputy Director in the Policy Planning Division of the Minister's Secretariat. Officer and Assistant Director at the First International Economic Relations Division of the Economic Affairs Bureau, and Specialized Agencies Division of the United Nations Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo).

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Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions

Note by the Secretary-General

1. As indicated in the note by the Secretary-General dated 26 October 2000 (A/55/102/Add.2), as a result of the resignation of Mr. Neil Francis (Australia) from the Committee on Contributions, the General Assembly will be required at its current session to appoint one person to fill the vacant seat on the Committee for the period beginning on the date of appointment and expiring on 31 December 2001.

2. The Secretary-General wishes to inform the General Assembly that the Government of Australia has nominated Mr. Henry Fox for appointment to the Committee on Contributions for the above-mentioned term of office.

3. The candidate's curriculum vitae follows:

Henry Siegfried Fox (Australia)

Born on 26 October 1955, in Freiburg im Breisgau, Germany.

Education

1978-1981	Master of Arts in History, La Trobe University, Melbourne, Australia.
1974-1977	Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in History, University of Melbourne.

Employment history

1999-present	First Secretary, Australian Mission to the United Nations, New York (Fifth Committee delegate).

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1994-1999	Executive Officer, International Security Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Canberra.
1994-1995	First Secretary, Australian Mission to the United Nations, New York (for the forty-ninth session of the General Assembly).
1992-1994	First Secretary, Australian High Commission, New Delhi.
1990-1992	Executive Officer, International Security Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Canberra.
1989-1990	Senior Adviser, Corporate Planning, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, Canberra.
1987-1989	Adviser, Office of Multicultural Affairs, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, Canberra.
1985-1987	Education Officer, New South Wales Department of Technical and Further Education, Sydney.
1984-1985	Research Consultant, Sydney.
1980-1984	Research Fellow, Australian Institute of Multicultural Affairs, Melbourne.

Current position

Mr. Fox joined the Australian Mission to the United Nations as the Australian delegate to the Fifth Committee in July 1999. At the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly he participated in the negotiations on the United Nations budget for the 2000-2001 biennium.